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Highlands back in the top flight

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NATIONAL First Division side Real Kings will have to fight for a place in the promotion play-offs after their chance to put pressure on Highlands Park for the automatic promotion spot went up in smoke yesterday.

This follows their 0-0 draw with relegation-threatened Ubuntu Cape Town at Athlone Stadium. The draw for the KwaZulu-Natal side means Black Leopards are the only team that can mathematically catch up with Highlands, if they are able to win all five their remaining games by five goals each – without conceding.

Then they must hope Highlands lose all their games, which is unlikely to happen. Highlands still have to play *Lidoda Duvha* at Makhulong Stadium on 29 April.

Highlands have opened up a 15-point gap at the top of the NFD table. They need only a point on Saturday against University of Pretoria to wrap things up and confirm their spot in the PSL next season.

After that they will be playing the remaining four matches merely to honour the fixtures, as the job is done.

Highlands were relegated from the top flight in their first season last year after finishing at the bottom of the table.

Their quest of returning to the top flight the very next season might look easy, as they even broke a record along the way, but that was not the case.

